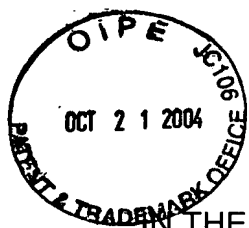


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004.
Reconsideration is respectfully requested and the following submitted in support
thereof. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on
page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Appendix A consisting of a Clustal V alignment of methionine synthase amino acids
is attached following page 14 this response.